

Presbytery  
Garrisker  
Broadford  
Naas  
Co. Kildare

30 April 2026

### **Re. First Holy Communion 2026**

Dear Friends

Many thanks for your involvement in the Parish Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion. The much anticipated day is almost upon us and we look forward to a gentle and prayerful celebration of the faith journey of our candidates which has brought them to this special day.

A number of practical indications will help to make this ceremony all the more special and memorable:

Firstly, no child need feel anxious or nervous. Our celebrations are to be simple and gentle so that the emphasis is always on the sacrament and the special moment when Christ enters the lives of our children in sacramental communion. Please reassure the children that there is no need to be anxious or nervous! We specifically aim to keep the ceremonies gentle and simple so that that clear emphasis will never be lost.

We would invite parents to come to the church and receive allotted seating at least twenty minutes before the ceremony begins. Each child should sit at the end of the seat and then they can be accompanied by their parents and family members to Communion.

#### **For Johnstownbridge:**

Mass for First Communion will be at **11.00am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May in St Patrick's Church, Johnstownbridge**. Eight candidates will receive Holy Communion on that day. Each candidate and family will be allotted two seats in the Church. Other guests can avail of the spare seats towards the back.

#### **For Clogherinkoe:**

Mass for First Communion will be at **1.00pm on Saturday 9th May in St Brigid's Church, Clogherinkoe**. Seventeen candidates will receive Holy Communion at that ceremony. Each candidate and family will be allotted one seat in the Church. Other guests can avail of the spare seats towards the back.

#### **For Broadford:**

Mass for First Communion will be at **11.00am on Saturday 16th May in St Mary's Church, Broadford**. Four candidates will receive Holy Communion at that ceremony. Each candidate and family will be allotted two seats in the Church. Other guests can avail of the spare seats towards the back.

**For Cadamstown:**

Mass for First Communion will be at **12.30pm on Saturday 16th May in St Mary's Church, Broadford**. Nine candidates will receive Holy Communion at that ceremony. Each candidate and family will be allotted two seats in the Church. Other guests can avail of the spare seats towards the back.

If anyone has any other questions or requires any clarification, please contact the office or contact me personally. Otherwise, we hope for fine weather and a glorious day for a beautiful celebration.

Every blessing!

Fr Sean